

Governor Riley Announces Emergency Relief Fund for Hurricane Katrina Victims

MONTGOMERY – Governor Bob Riley today announced that he has created the Governor’s Emergency Relief Fund to help meet the needs of Alabama citizens who are not covered by insurance or Federal Emergency Management Agency claims resulting from a disaster or emergency.

“Public assistance and insurance go a long way in helping victims recover after a disaster, however people often have needs that are not met by these resources,” Governor Riley said. “This fund will help give citizens the extra help they need to get their lives back to normal and cover unmet costs.”

Grants from the fund will be awarded by a committee comprised of members from the United Way of Alabama, Alabama Emergency Management Agency, Alabama Department of Human Resources, county long term recovery experts and a representative from the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Modeled after similar funds created by the states of North Carolina and Florida, the fund will be managed by the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the United Way of Alabama will serve as the fiscal agent.

Contributors may send checks made payable to the “Alabama Governor’s Emergency Relief Fund” to:

Alabama Governor’s Emergency Relief Fund
P.O. Box 6135
Montgomery, AL 36106

Those seeking additional information may contact 877-273-5018 or visit <http://www.servealabama.gov>.